

REMARKS

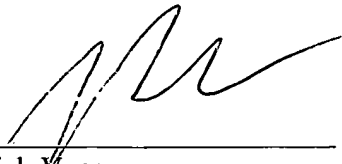
In the Final Office Action, claims 1-4, 11-15, and 20-23 were rejected. However, in reply to a paper submitted by Applicant, the Examiner, via an Advisory Action, allowed claims 11-15, while maintaining the rejection of claims 1-4 and 20-23. In reply to this Advisory Action, Applicant cancelled claims 1-4 and 21 without prejudice. By this Supplemental Response, Applicant has cancelled claims 20-23 without prejudice. Although Applicant believes that these claims are patentable and in condition for allowance, Applicant has cancelled these claims to expedite advancement of the present application to allowance. Accordingly, upon entry of the amendments, only claims 11-15—which have been allowed—remain pending.

Request for an Interview

If the Examiner finds that the foregoing amendments does not place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant sincerely invites the Examiner to contact the Undersigned to discuss further possible claim amendments, to expedite allowance of the present patent application. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests an interview with the Examiner if it is believed that this paper does not place the above-referenced patent application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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